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ACTION MEMORANDUM
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TO: Acting Secretary Tarnoff
FROM: AF - Edward Brynn, Acting
SUBJECT: Recommendation that the Vice President Meet with
Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana

ISSUE FOR DECISION

Whether to authorize transmission of a Grossman-Fuerth memorandum recommending the Vice President receive President Juvenal Habyarimana for a courtesy call/photo opportunity during Habyarimana's private visit to Washington, October 7-9.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS

On August 4, the Rwandan Government and the Rwandan Patriotic Front signed a peace accord ending nearly three years of war. The accords provide for the creation of a coalition government which will ultimately lead the country to multiparty democratic elections. The United States played a key role in the peace negotiations and also helped finance an OAU force to monitor the cease-fire. Following the UNGA, President Habyarimana plans to pass through Washington to thank the United States for its assistance. In addition, he will probably ask for U.S. support for a UN peacekeeping force to help implement the peace accords.

A Vice Presidential meeting would demonstrate our support for peaceful conflict resolution and democratization in Africa. Although the peace accords still must be implemented and the issue of peacekeepers remains unresolved, the peaceful negotiation of a political settlement in Rwanda remains one of the African continent's important success stories.

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RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize transmittal of the attached Grossman-Fuerth memorandum recommending the Vice President meet with President Habyarimana.

Approve _____

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Disapprove _____

Attachment:

Grossman-Fuerth Memorandum Recommending the Vice President Meet With Rwandan President Habyarimana

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